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STYLES

Hats, Coats and Capes.

Week
All Departments.

Our Dress Goods Department.

- 75 pieces Fancy Cheviots, 25c.
- 40 pieces English Check, 49c.
- 22 pieces Fancy Changeable, 45c
- 100 Paris Dress Patterns, \$8.75.
- 75 pieces 52 inch Broadcloth, \$1.00
- 25 pieces 6 inch Black Henrietta, 69c.
- 25 pieces 6 inch Figured Chalkies, 29c.

Our Cotton Goods Dept.

- Indigo Cambrics, 3c
- Dress Prints, 1c
- Dress Ginghams, 6c
- Chalkies, 3c
- Apron Gingham, 4c
- 500 White Bedspreads, 98c.
- A make of Bleached Lonsdale Muslin, 4c

FLOOR.

Suits and Wrappers.



and Suits in Great Variety.

Suits, \$1.50 up.

Capes, Wrappers.

- Suits at \$1.98 a suit.
- Eaton Suits, \$5.00.
- Coats, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00.
- Capes, \$2.49.
- \$4.00.
- Wrappers at \$1.00.
- Gingham Suits, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

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TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

—Richard M. Johnson of Indiana has been appointed chief clerk of the sixth auditor's office.

—The propeller William H. Barnum, which left Chicago Sunday loaded with 55,000 bushels of corn was lost in the straits Monday night.

—The Iowa state senate yesterday killed the bill to amend the constitution by adding a section to the effect that the bill went to the table with the amendment.

—The six-story wholesale clothing house of child Bunn Stern & Co. at Rochester, N. Y., was gutted by fire early yesterday morning. Loss probably \$50,000.

—The public debt statement shows a net increase in the month of March of \$19,754,472. Cash in the treasury \$790,780,717.

—The Troy union of iron and steel workers at Troy, N. Y., has voted to strike from Monday at 7 a. m. yesterday, and occupied the yards at Troy station.

—A resolution has been adopted by the Pennsylvania sixth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, held at the Pennsylvania hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., yesterday, that the association should have a permanent office in the city of Philadelphia.

—The British West Indies Monetary Commission has been re-appointed for another year.

—The daughter of a prominent family in St. Louis, Mo., was kidnapped by a man who pretended to be a student of the University of Missouri. The girl was taken to a house in the city and held there for several days before being rescued.

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A CAR-SEARCHER'S DUTIES.

How One Agent Had to Pay "Demurrage."

"If you want to get an idea of the immensity of American railroading, talk to a car-searcher. The United States covers a pretty large area, as some one observed, but the railroad men, and particularly the car-searchers, know their way about it as a policeman knows his beat. A car-searcher, be it said for the benefit of the uninformed, is an official sent out by one of the companies to look for cars which have been borrowed by other lines and treated like borrowed umbrellas. Of course, these officials are experienced men, a great trust is reposed in them and they have a great weight of responsibility to carry on their shoulders.

One of these men whom I met a few evenings ago talked of one car "somewhere around by Eagle Pass," or a chance of finding another at Portland, Ore., as if these places were only a few squares the other side of Broadway. He had been sent out by one of the big lines that cover the territory between New York and Seattle to find certain freight cars that had been running up long bills for demurrage against their borrowers. "Demurrage" is a charge made by the owners of a car, at so much per day, for the time the car is kept away from its own line.

"They'll take a car," he said, "somewhere down south, and instead of sending it back when they're done with it will use it for some other work. That goes on and on until, first thing you know the car gets in a smashup."

"Then you have no more chance of finding it," I interrupted. This was where I displayed my ignorance.

"Haven't I, though? I go to where the car was sent and make them show me the books. Let me tell you about one car belonging to our line that got away down south and nobody could trace it. The agent at that depot was a little bit of a man, all beard. When I showed him the entry on his books and asked him where that car was he said he didn't know anything about it. One night he says, 'I left it here on the 1st, and when I came next morning it was gone.'"

Some of those freight conductors I met have come in here in the night and looking around for a car. The first took that one "You're kidding me," and I've been railroaded all my life, and I know that conductors don't go rambling about a yard at night time looking for cars. They're not so anxious to find extra work as all that. Now I said, "You just tell me where that car's got to or I will report that you lost it." Well, he commenced whinnying about his family and how he'd lose his job if I got him into trouble about that car. At last he owned up that one day they were short of cars in the yard, they took and loaded up our car with agricultural machinery for Atlanta, Ga. The train was wrecked and the car was all burned up. "If you had told us that at the time," I said, "you would have had to pay three hundred or four hundred dollars. Now you'll have to pay about seven thousand dollars for demurrage, and serve you right. As for your family, I've got a family, too. If I go back and tell the company I can't find that car what is my family to do?" And I was right. They had to pay about seven thousand dollars. —Louisville Courier Journal.

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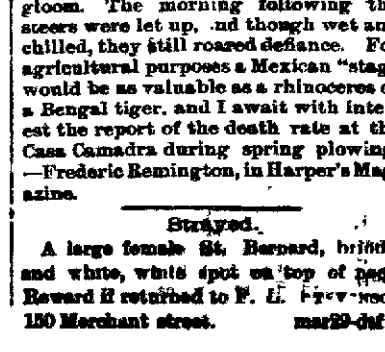
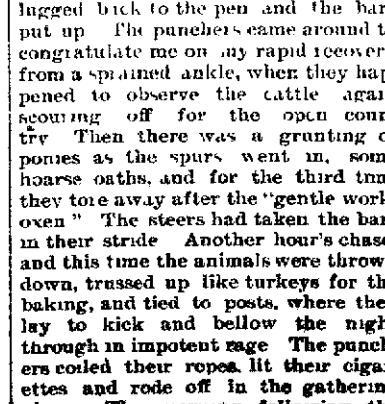
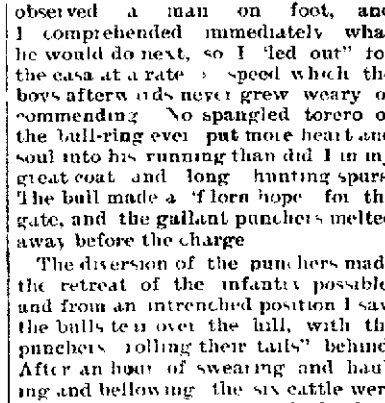
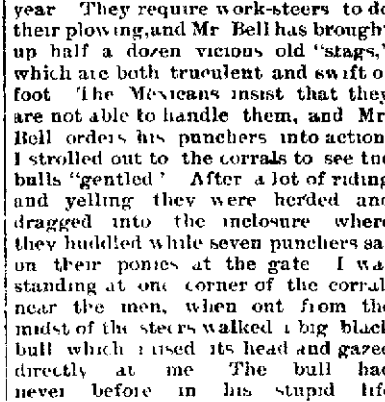
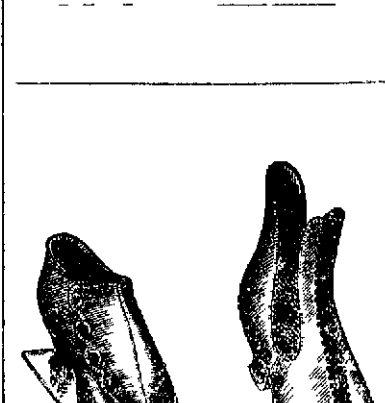
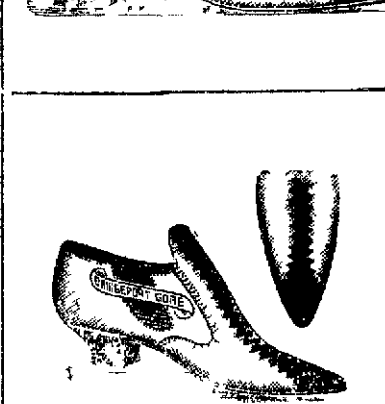
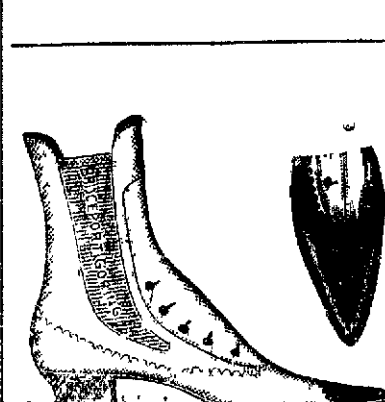
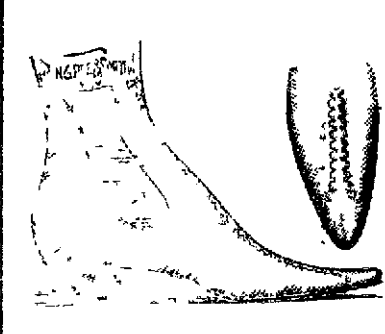
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FOREIGN NOTES.

THE "GENTLE WORK-OXEN."

Some of the Excitements of Agriculture in Mexico.

At the Casa Camadra are two log houses, and in them live some squalid yellow-skinned humans who are to farm a little stretch of bottom-land this year. They require work-steers to do their plowing, and Mr. Bell has brought up half a dozen vicious old "stags," which are both truculent and swift of foot. The Mexicans insist that they are not able to handle them, and Mr. Bell orders his punchers into action. I strolled out to the corral to see the bulls "gentled." After a lot of riding and yelling they were herded and dragged into the enclosure where they huddled while seven punchers sat on their ponies at the gate. I was standing at one corner of the corral, near the men, when out from the midst of the steers walked a big black bull which I used its head and gazed directly at me. The bull had never before in his stupid life observed a man on foot, and I comprehended immediately what he would do next, so I "led out" for the case at a rate of speed which the boys afterwards were good weary of commending. No spangled torero of the bull-ring ever put more heart and soul into his running than did I in my great coat and long hunting spurs. The bull made a "flora hope" for the gate, and the gallant punchers melted away before the charge.

The diversion of the punchers made the retreat of the infants possible, and from an entrenched position I saw the bulls ten over the hill, with the punchers rolling their tails behind. After an hour of swearing and hauling and bellowing the six cattle were lugged back to the pen and the bars put up. The punchers came around to congratulate me on my rapid recovery from a sprained ankle, when they happened to observe the cattle again scowling off for the open country. Then there was a granting of pones as the spurs went in, some hoarse oaths, and for the third time they tore away after the "gentle work-oxen." The steers had taken the bars in their stride. Another hour's chase, and this time the animals were thrown down, trussed up like turkeys for the baking, and tied to posts, where they lay to kick and bellow the night through in impotent rage. The punchers coiled their ropes lit their cigarettes and rode off in the gathering gloom. The morning following the steers were let up, and though wet and chilled, they still roared defiance. For agricultural purposes a Mexican "stag" would be as valuable as a rhinoceros or a Bengal tiger, and I await with interest the report of the death rate at the Casa Camadra during spring plowing. —Frederic Remington, in Harper's Magazine.

ODDS AND ENDS.

VIOLIN for outdoor wear and sweet peas tied with long streamers of pink ribbon for indoors are the accepted floral adornments.

The stationers are selling to young women who know no better than to buy it vivid heliotrope and eye-distracting gray paper, with the assurance that these are "the novelties."

SALAD bowls, water pitchers and all sorts of table appointments come in cut glass and silver. The glass is so brilliant that it is often difficult to tell where one begins and the other ends.

INDIAN brass is among the recent importations. It has a copper tinge, which makes it warmer looking than Benares. Bowls, trays and candelabra elaborately chased come in this ware, and some of the most beautiful pieces are decorated in repousse and filigree work.

Tax ribbon-bound tiaras, with pert little bows in front, which have adorned the winter girl's locks have given place to lace. A twist of cream or white lace binds the wire round which forms the foundation of the ornament, and two airy little butterfly-like take the place of the bow.

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SPRING SEASON.

Our large and fashionable lines of Woollens, foreign and domestic, are now in and on sale. Last season's business was very large and satisfactory, owing to the reputation of our house for fine and fashionable work. We have made extra efforts this Spring to satisfy the demands of the trade, and know that orders placed with our house will meet with general approval by the trade.

Our Custom Shirt Department

recently added, is something that has been needed in the city, and customers desiring novelties in Fine Shirts, in imported Percales and Madras Cloths, with guaranteed fits, can secure the same at our store, made by us and under our own direct supervision.

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